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1. National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs

Special, 2000

Introduction

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs seeks to promote and protect the interests of women. Founded in 1935, it has global coverage with a particular focus on Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization aims to: promote and develop effective programs for women and children; support partnerships with public-private, civil society and government institutions; and encourage knowledge-sharing in health, education and economic development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

It contributes to the work of the United Nations by supporting the development agenda. Through global partnerships, this organization implements a multitude of projects to empower women, improve maternal health and support agricultural initiatives. It held consultations in Ghana and Liberia on acknowledging inequalities. In South Africa, it contributed to facilitating discussions on sex education, teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDs awareness.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, it actively participated in various high-level meetings of the United Nations including briefings organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI) and panel discussions on gender and equality hosted by United Nations Women (UN Women). In addition to various other meetings, it attended the 52nd Commission for Social Development in February 2014 as well as the High-level Thematic Debate of the General Assembly on Integrating Crime Prevention convened in February 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

This organization contributed to recommendations submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in the margins of the Durban Review Conference.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

This association facilitated the planting of 7,000 trees in the Ashanti Region of Ghana. It also pioneered a study on the effects of Moringa on pregnant women which appeared to be effective in improving the overall health of mothers and their infants.

2. National Coalition against Racial Discrimination

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2003 in Nepal, the National Coalition against Racial Discrimination (NCARD) is an alliance of organizations advocating against discrimination.

Aims and purposes of the organization

NCARD aims to promote and protect the civil, political and cultural rights of excluded groups; enhance dialogue, negotiation and networking among marginalized groups; and raise awareness of its constituencies on proceedings of the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

NCARD has drafted its strategic plan for the 2015 to 2020 period.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

NCARD contributed to the advancement of the human rights agenda through advocacy and capacity-building in favour of indigenous peoples and women in wider consultation with stakeholders and member organizations. It submitted findings on discriminatory laws and practices through joint statements to various United Nations human rights mechanisms such as the Human Rights Council and advocated with the government of Nepal to amend discriminatory laws and take action on recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2014, it participated in the pre-session of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council (HRC). It also submitted a joint statement along with other NGOs to the 27th session of the HRC. In 2015, it drafted a report covering the human rights situation of indigenous peoples in Nepal for the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of the HRC.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

To advance on the peace process, NCARD launched a project to enhance dialogue and inclusion of marginalized groups of Nepal in collaboration with the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF). It also supported the work of the special rapporteurs to urge government action on defending and protecting the rights of indigenous peoples.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. National Council of Women in Great Britain

Special, 2000

Introduction

National Council of Women in Great Britain (NCWGB) is a charity organization that collaborates with associated institutions to educate, engage and empower women in public affairs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

NCWGB aims to empower women and encourage gender equality through programmes, seminars and resolutions. Outcomes as a result of these fora are frequently shared with government institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, NCWGB disseminated proceedings of the Commission on the Status of Women and the development agenda to its constituencies through regular conferences. It also advocated with government institutions on the adoption of resolutions on women, children and gender equality, the elimination of sexual violence in conflict, and personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education to schools in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Moreover, it conveyed findings of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) to 40 schools through leaflets, newsletters and seminars.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives regularly attended United Nations' forums including sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

This organization keenly follows activities of the United Nations Women (UN-Women) and disseminated information to 50 educational establishments and 30 associated organizations in collaboration with the International Council of Women and other NGOs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

It organized seminars, workshops and policy events reflecting on the importance of the maternal and infant health, housing, waste management and sustainable farming practices. It is also developing a young leader's programme for girls aged 18 and above encouraging them to pursue education in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. To increase the participation of

women. NCWGB introduced individual membership schemes and has expanded the use of social media tools as part of its outreach efforts.

4. Network of Non-Governmental Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Network of Non-Governmental Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women was established in 1984 and is a registered non-profit organization with the Ministry of Legal Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its mission is to provide effective representation, leadership and advocacy to enhance the quality of life and achieve gender parity for women and girls.

Significant changes in the organization

The Network has established the Trinidad and Tobago Institute for Women in Leadership (TTWIL) to empower women with entrepreneurial skills and contribute to shaping politics.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization has strongly advocated for increasing women's participation in politics at all levels and has provided capacity-building training and transformational leadership programmes targeting women. As a representative of the Gender Theme Group developed by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) it commemorated key observations of the United Nations, including International Women's Day to highlight women's contribution to society through various activities including church services, conferences and rallies. It also encouraged activists, government representatives and citizens to partake in the UNiTE Campaign Orange Day Action Plan to collectively address violence against women and men on the 25th of each month.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It has actively participated in the 56th, 57th and 58th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and hosted a parallel event during the 59th session of the CSW addressing the role of women in local governments. It contributed to drafting the "Caribbean Joint Statement on Gender Equality and the Post 2015 and SIDS Agenda" in support of the United Nations Women (UN-Women) Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, in collaboration with government and civil society representatives from the Caribbean countries.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

This organization collaborated with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to host a conference titled, "Women in Enterprise Conference." In line with UN Women's "Planet 50-50 by 2030" and "HeForShe" initiatives, it designed and executed a range of activities through public education and awareness to ignite momentum on fundamental issues concerning women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

It closely produced a report reviewing civil society's progress towards the implementation of the MDGs as a part of the United Nations Millennium Campaign (UNMC). It also launched a publication titled "Women in Local Government Elections in Trinidad and Tobago from 1946-2013."

5. NGO Coordination post Beijing Switzerland

Special, 2012

Introduction

NGO Coordination post Beijing Switzerland is a grouping of 26 organizations that, in the aftermath of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, held from 4 to 15 September 1995, have as their objective the monitoring and improvement of the exercise of women's rights in Switzerland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of the association is to coordinate and form a network of organizations, groups and interested persons seeking to put the Beijing Platform for Action into practice. It is active as a defender of interests and seeks to act as a centre of excellence in the sphere of women's human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The work of the association is concentrated on women's human rights, gender equality and empowerment of women and girls. Its contribution is made along three main lines of activity: participation in meetings, submission of written contributions and consultations with national delegations. It also contributes to the work of the United Nations by raising people's awareness of the work being pursued at multilateral level.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has taken an active part in numerous meetings of the United Nations, in particular those of the Human Rights Council, where it concentrates its participation mainly on the days devoted to women's human rights. It also

participated in the fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, to which it submitted written statements. At the time of the examination of the report of Switzerland to the universal periodic review, it contributed to the position taken by the NGO Platform Human Rights.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The association organized in Switzerland a conference on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals with a view to preparing its positions for the national consultations related to the negotiations on Agenda 2030.

6. NGO Health Committee

Special, 2004

Introduction

NGO Health Committee, Inc. is an international, non-profit and non-political consortium of professionals who volunteer their expertise in health, human rights and social justice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It promotes global cooperation on health issues based on evidence and best practices in line with objectives of the United Nations and its member states. Furthermore, it aims to improve health and well-being through advocacy and awareness-raising on global health issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization has contributed to annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and provided inputs to CSW handbooks. It also contributed to national, regional and international health events by keeping its constituencies abreast of latest developments in the Latin American region. It also raised public awareness on the use of water filters and water safety to communities in Haiti.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

This organization attended annual meetings of the World Health Assembly, briefings organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI) as well as discussions in the lead up to the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The NGO Health Committee supports and advocates for the objectives of the World Health Organization (WHO) and presented on nursing and health care of elderly in Uruguay during an event sponsored by the WHO and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Representatives also collaborated with WHO representatives in Mexico to organize workshops for nurses on patient safety.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, it donated resources to partner non-governmental organizations in Rwanda and Uganda including an ultrasound machine and school supplies.

7. Ngoma Club

Special, 2012

Introduction

Ngoma Club is a non-profit association based in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It was founded in 2007 in order to implement activities related to culture, education and science.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Ngoma Club has the objective of promoting a framework for member self-training; developing the internal qualities of its members so as to create a spirit of unity; fostering within each of its members a sense of personal freedom; and consolidating African values to bring about an authentic cultural identity.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supported the work of the United Nations through the submission of written statements to various meetings, notably to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1 to 4 July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland, and the fifty-second meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held from 11 to 21 February 2014 in New York. It regularly monitors the work of the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction and of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization cooperated with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), through its participation in the conference on efforts to protect civilians and counter armed groups.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In pursuit of these goals, the organization organized workshops and discussions on human rights and combating HIV/AIDS in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Also, the organization distributed strategic information on poverty and conducted advocacy with the Ministry for Primary Education for equal treatment for all and access to basic education.

8. Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development

Special, 1996

Introduction

Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development (NICCO) is an international non-governmental organization based in Kyoto, Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its goal is to contribute to world peace by alleviating poverty and providing basic human needs as well as mobilizing action to support environmental protection.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

NICCO has contributed to the work of the United Nations by implementing sustainable rural development initiatives, vocational trainings especially for women, education and healthcare programs and emergency humanitarian assistance.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2013 and 2015, it attended the Winterization Task Force for the Regional Refugee Response to Syria hosted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It also partook in the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Sub Working Group within the framework of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC). Additionally, it attended various sub working groups co-lead by World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other United Nations bodies.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Between February 2014 and March 2015, it collaborated with UNHCR and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) for Winterization Assistance through provision of non-food Items for Syrian refugees and vulnerable population in Jordan. In 2014, it collaborated with UNHCR on a project to voluntarily repatriate Afghan refugees and in 2015, and it implemented a project supporting the empowerment of refugee women incorporating a home-based enterprises approach in Iran.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

It supported the MDGs through the following initiatives:

Goal 1: Rural development in 95 villages of Malawi and Kenya; income generation support to 3,784 people in Afghanistan;

Goal 2: Construction of 17 schools to benefit 16,000 children and training to 188 teachers in Afghanistan;

Goal 3: Literacy courses to 2,200 women, embroidery and art courses to 100 women, and provision of English and computer courses to 581 women in Afghanistan;

Goal 4, 5 and 6: Construction of four community healthcare centres and provision of healthcare services to 5,800 patients in Malawi;

Goal 7: Construction of four boreholes, 33 wells and 422 sanitation facilities in Malawi, Kenya, and Myanmar;

Goal 8: Training in information and communication technologies (ICT) to 781 Afghan refugees in Iran and 420 youth in Jordan.

9. Norwegian Refugee Council

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is an independent humanitarian organisation based in Norway that provides assistance, protection and long-term solutions to displaced and vulnerable persons worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through its programmes, it responds to displacement crises in 28 countries annually benefitting millions. It advocates for the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in order to influence decision-makers to improve conditions for these groups. NRC supports the United Nations by administering NORCAP, an emergency roster comprising of some 800 experts ready to be deployed to areas of humanitarian crises within 72 hours. NRC's Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) in Geneva, Switzerland, is a global leader in monitoring, reporting and advocating for issues addressing internal displacement.

Significant changes in the organization

In recent years, NRC has experienced a substantial growth in terms of global coverage, programme funding and donor expansion. This has allowed NRC to significantly scale up the volume of its operations. NRC also strengthened its governance structure and enhanced its monitoring and evaluation tools, financial control and anti-corruption measures to improve quality control.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

NRC engages in substantial policy dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), amongst others. NRC is an active participant in interagency fora such as the Inter-Agency Standing Committee's (IASC), Humanitarian Country Teams and Global Protection Clusters. NRC plays a key role within the NGO community advocating for climate change and displacement concerns and is actively working on preparedness, resilience and disaster risk reduction.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

NRC co-chairs the protection cluster in several countries and actively participates in protection, education, food security and shelter cluster meetings in emergency contexts. Along with regularly attending High Level meetings convened by the General Assembly, it demonstrates a leadership role in the Inter-Agency Network for Education in emergencies (INEE).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

NRC closely collaborated with several United Nations bodies to respond to emergency situations and humanitarian needs implementing joint programs with UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, OCHA and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) during the reporting period. Amongst other endeavours, NRC contributed to the IASC community as part of its Humanitarian Financing Task Team (HFTT) and actively engaged in the preparations of the World Humanitarian Summit.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

It contributed to the MDGs as follows: goal 1, through emergency food distribution, food security activities and cash interventions; goal 2, through provision of education in emergencies and promotion of resilience to children and youth, training of teachers and school rehabilitation; goal 3, through ensuring gender mainstreaming on core competency policies; and goal 7, through activities in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

10. Observatorio Mexicano de la Crisis

Special, 2012

Introduction

Observatorio Mexicano de la Crisis, Asociacion Civil (OMEC) is a think-tank dedicated to public participation and policy making.

Aims and purposes of the organization

OMEC contributes to informing its constituencies on latest developments on critical economic, political, social, environmental and institutional processes. To this extent, it collaborates with a wide range of partners in the academia, national and local governments, policy making entities and civil society organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

It contributed to the work of the United Nations as it relates to the conceptualization of country-specific initiatives under the post-2015 Development Agenda. Since October 2012, it organizes dialogue sessions in conjunction with Mexico's Environment Ministry in support of the Green Economy agenda led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

This organization has participated in the following meetings:

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20 to 22 June 2012;

High-level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals", Geneva, Switzerland, 17 to 19 April 2013; and

65th United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) NGO conference held in New York on 27 August 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2014, it developed a national campaign along with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to sensitize civil society organizations on the process of obtaining consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

OMEC has actively engaged the public, in particular the youth, as well as mobilized government officials on the importance of MDGs and the post-2015

Development Agenda. In March 2013, representatives were invited by Mexico's Interior Ministry to provide a speech to federal officials addressing the MDGs. On 14 May 2015, it launched a campaign comprised of six regional conferences, two press conferences, multiple social media tools and awareness raising activities on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

11. ODHIKAR: Coalition for Human Rights

Special, 2012

Introduction

ODHIKAR — Coalition for Human Rights (Odhikar) is a human rights organization engaged in research, training, advocacy and lobbying.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It aims to address and improve the human rights situation of individuals at the grass-roots level up to the national and regional levels.

Significant changes in the organization

Odhikar has become a member of the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances and the International Coalition Against Enforced Disappearances.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

It supported the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) by submitting inputs to the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances. In partnership with local human rights defenders, it issued statements, conducted round tables and organized rallies. It also regularly commemorated observance days including the International Women's Day, International Day in Support of Victims of torture, International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, International Day for the Elimination of Violence and Human Rights Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Odhikar has actively attended and provided statements to meetings of the United Nations in conjunction with other NGOs. It regularly attended sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) convened in Geneva, Switzerland. In 2012, Odhikar jointly submitted a report with the Asian Legal Resource Centre as part of the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of the HRC. In April 2013, it attended the 16th Session of the Universal Periodic Review of the HRC and jointly submitted a statement together with the Asian Human Rights Commission. In December 2015, it submitted a joint report to the Human Rights Committee prior to the adoption of issues listed in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) on the review of Bangladesh.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Odhikar focused its activities on the promotion of civil and political rights and the prevention of human rights violations through social awareness campaigns.

12. Okedongmu Children in Korea

Special, 2008

Introduction

Okedongmu Children in Korea (OCK) is a non-governmental organization based in the Republic of Korea (South Korea) working in favour of the United Nations development agenda.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization aims to build a bridge of friendship and dialogue between children in South Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) to enhance their relations. It aims to promote peace education to children for them to contribute to reunification efforts. It also provides aid to children in North Korea to combat food shortages, malnutrition and diseases.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization has been instrumental in supporting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child through its Peace Leaders (PL) initiative targeting children aged 9 to 17. In 2013, PL held a commemorative event of the Korean Armistice Agreement calling for peace in the region. In 2014 and 2015, PL promoted reconciliation efforts amongst the Palestinian youth through video messages and leaflets embracing coexistence, delivered the East Asia Peace Project and participated in the "Peace Tour."

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

On 22 March 2012, OCK participated in a meeting discussing the provision of aid and prevention of children's iodine deficiency in North Korea which was hosted by the South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During this meeting, it collaborated with the United Nations Resident Coordinator, representatives of the World Food Programme and the Department of Political Affairs' East Asia and Pacific Division.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, the organization reported the following activities per year:

- 2012: provided heating equipment and infant care products to a nursery in Kaesong Industrial Complex worth USD $39,000 benefiting 600 infants under 12 months of age; it also provided medical supplies worth USD $38,000 to Nampo Paediatric Hospital as well as food aid comprising 100 tons of flour tantamount to USD $43,000 to flood victims in Anju and Gaecheon,
- 2013: donated 120 tons of flour, 10 tons of sugar and 300 cans of milk powder worth USD $36,000 for children in Nampo and provided medicinal supplies and diagnostic reagents costing USD $99,000 to Pyongyang, North Korea;
- 2014: furnished sanitary and storage facilities worth USD $99,000 to a nursery in Kaesong Industrial Complex and implemented a training program for doctors at the Pyongyang Okedongmu Children's Hospital; and in
- 2015: granted medicinal supplies and 100 hospital bed sets worth USD $119,000 to Nampo Paediatric Hospital.

13. Okogun Odigie Safewomb International Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2006, Okogun Odigie Safewomb International Foundation is a Nigeria-based non-governmental organization committed to gender equality and the empowerment of women, girls and youth for sustainable development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization aims for a sustainable world through the implementation of values in support of human and women's rights protection in collaboration with global change agents. It focuses on delivering education, advocacy, raising awareness, supporting skills acquisition and providing merit-based awards.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

It supports the work of the United Nations by advocating for development, human rights, gender equality and the advancement of women and girls. It also raises awareness on gender mainstreaming by providing speeches in schools, seminars and international fora. It fosters youth leadership, peace and international understanding through its 'Mister and Miss Values' programme in Ghana. It also contributes to poverty alleviation and skills acquisition by facilitating training in fabric weaving, capacity building, decision making, business ethics, finance

management and public speaking. This organization annually commemorates the International Women's Day and other key observances such as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Universal Children's Day and the International Youth Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It attended and provided concrete inputs during the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 Development Agenda convened in New York from 25 to 27 September 2015. Moreover, it attended the 57th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women organized in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013 and from 9 to 20 March 2015, respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

14. Organisation pour la communication en Afrique et de promotion de la coopération économique internationale

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Organisation pour la communication en Afrique et de promotion de la coopération économique internationale (OCAPROCE) was founded in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2003.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are as follows: protection of the rights of the child; promotion of women's economic, social and cultural rights; promotion of information and communications technology (ICT) for development; international economic cooperation; and resource mobilization.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization is associated with the African Network for an Equitable World (AFNEW), based in Switzerland.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 2009 the organization has organized an annual NGO forum on women's economic rights and discussions on the rights of the child. Within the context of the Human Rights Council, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), it organizes side events and round tables on promotion of and observance of the rights of women

and children, as well as making oral and written presentations. Between 2012 and 2015, OCAPROCE organized days of solidarity and ceremonies for presentations of gifts to the Central African refugee children based in Cameroon and to Yaoundé street children, attended by local authorities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, OCAPROCE participated in United Nations meetings by providing specific inputs on the rights of women and children. It submitted a written statement to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council held from 1 to 4 July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. During the period in question, within its partnership with ITU, OCAPROCE made oral submissions to the sessions of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), held in Geneva, Switzerland.

In addition, it attended the international conference on financing for development held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 13 to 16 July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to the attainment of Millennium Development Goals 1, 4 and 5 through the following initiatives undertaken in Cameroon: supply of a container of educational materials, food, medicines and clothing; implementation of the pilot project on education, training and reintegration of marginalized children, and provision of a training course for women on agricultural topics.

15. Pacific Disability Forum

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2004, the Pacific Disability Forum is a regional non-government organisation committed to advancing the rights of persons with disabilities in Pacific Island countries and territories.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It aims to improve conditions of persons with disabilities by strengthening the capacity of disabled people's organisations through advocacy and collaboration with partners.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In compliance with the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), the programmes of this organization aim to benefit persons with disabilities and represent their voices while advocating for their inclusion. It also supports the Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network (IPWDGN) to promote the rights of indigenous persons.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to attending the High-Level meetings of the General Assembly on disability and development, the Millennium Development Goals and post-2015 Development Agenda, it attended the following meetings:

- 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th sessions of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women;
- 12th, 13th and 14th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; and
- Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction convened in Sendai, Japan from 14 to 18 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

PDF received funding as part of the United Nations Partnerships to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD). In order to ensure that programs benefit persons with disabilities, it collaborated closely with United Nations entities, governments and Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PDF made significant efforts with its member organisations towards ensuring the inclusion persons with disabilities in all policies, programs and legislations pertaining to the MDGs. It also supported the work of International Disability Alliance in advocating for disability inclusion in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.